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But on the other hand, he would trace to the influence of the conceptions of Roman Law almost all that he accounts bad in the theology of the Western Church and in its discipline—particularly the idea of Papal supremacy. It is, of course, not impossible that the same influence which was salutary to St. Paul worked only mischief to the Church after him; but in the lack of any stringent proof of this, one is more inclined to think that the author's judgment of values is perilously subjective.

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COMPARATIVE RELIGION. F. B. JEVONS. (Cambridge Manuals of Science and Literature.) 1913. Pp. viii, 152.

This is religion in a nut shell—it is a temptation to say, in a peanut shell. It includes, besides an Introduction, chapters on Sacrifice, Magic, Ancestor-Worship, the Future Life, Dualism, Buddhism, Monotheism, a short bibliography, and an index.

Readers of Professor Jevons' earlier books need not be told that he brings to his task ample knowledge or that he writes with admirable lucidity. But in putting so much into such small compass, qualifications and explanations are impossible, and the concise statements and broad generalizations leave large room for misunderstanding, when they do not invite it.

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A HALF-DOZEN BOOKS.

Our group is varied. It ranges in subject matter from *Gospel Origins*¹ to *The Christian Reconstruction of Modern Life*.² In method of treatment it descends from the severe and comprehensive dialectic of A. Schweitzer (*Paul and his Interpreters*³) to the "popular" level of Holdsworth. In style it includes the new instalment of Edwin A. Abbott's encyclopaedic exegetical notes (*Light on the Gospels from an Ancient Poet*⁴), Fr. Spitta's latest documentary analysis (*Die Syn-*

¹ By W. W. Holdsworth, M.A. From the Scribner series of "Studies in Theology." 1913. Pp. 211. 75 cents.

² By Charles Henry Dickinson. Macmillan. 1913. Pp. 327. \$1.50.

³ From the German Paulinische Forschung by W. Montgomery. Macmillan. 1912. Pp. 253. \$2.75.

⁴ Part ix of the Diatessarica, Cambridge University Press. 1912. Pp. 602.